

STAGE SET FOR BASEBALL SE-T-O

Minor Leaguers All on Hand to Force Hand of Majors in Giving Reforms.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Minor league club owners and managers generally are holding forth in the city today, the first of a series of meetings in which the smaller fish in baseball ponds are expected to receive many reforms which they claim are needed.

Minor league managers are here from everywhere and all are determined to stick together and force the big leagues to give them what they desire, for it pointed out that unless some relief is given, the smaller organizations will have a hard time operating this season.

Several informal conferences were held yesterday afternoon, at which the matter was discussed from every angle, and it was the general opinion that a new agreement must be reached with the major leagues, or else the minor leagues will have to close their doors.

Two draft and optional rules between the two divisions of organized baseball will be considered at two meetings today, which will be the most important week of baseball conferences in many years. The new international league will convene in the afternoon and after a short session, adjourn to attend a later joint session with the national association of professional baseball players.

In commenting upon the situation, a prominent minor league manager said tonight:

"The minor leagues have got to look to the future for their receipts and in order to draw the fans we must have players of merit. The day is just when just as soon as we develop a minor league star we must perforce lose him by draft or optional rule."

He proved conclusively in recent seasons that there is no money in developing a minor league star, and that the only way to make money is to develop a star who can play for the majors. The minor league club owner who pays the bills, and unless we cater to him and give him exactly what he wants, he will not attend the games. How can we do this if our best players are taken away from him by draft or optional rule?

Another minor league veteran, the president of a league, said:

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TWO MEETINGS TODAY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A meeting of the new industrial league officials and another of the National Association of Professional Baseball Players, which is the question of obtaining for the minor leagues relief from the present draft and optional rules, will be held today. The most important week of baseball conferences held in many years is now being lived, and it is estimated that unless demands of the minors were granted they would break with the major leagues.

Since the national agreement was signed years ago the major leagues have enjoyed the privilege of drafting players from the smaller organizations. This practice, minor league officials maintain, was always unfair, and now that the small clubs developed good players they were taken by the major circuits at the end of the season.

Joe Tinker, of the Columbus American association club, who, with Al Tarnes, of the Three-Eye league, and Ed Hanlon, of the St. Joseph Western league club, makes up the minor league committee appointed to confer with the major leagues upon the question of reconstruction of the minors, was emphatic in his declaration that the requests of the smaller clubs must be granted. "Heretofore, the minor leagues have asked," he said, "this time we will ask and in the request is not granted we will demand."

GARDNER DOES NOT WANT CLUB

Cardinal Owners Say They Would Welcome Help.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—Stockholders in the St. Louis National League club have no desire to dispose of the franchise, according to a statement made yesterday by J. J. Jones, one of the principal owners. He also declared that no offer had been made to Russell E. Gardner, nor anyone else, and that as far as he knew Gardner had not made any offer for the club.

Jones declared that Maj. Branch Rickey was the only Cardinal representative in New York, and that Rickey was not authorized to sell the club, and when a ball player is sidetracked, he is standing to come in and help carry the burden," said Jones, "but we are not especially anxious to sell, nor have we made any effort to do so."

Jones said the club was valued at at least \$500,000.

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Bringing Up Father—By George McManus

MAGGIE IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF ME GETTING OUT TONIGHT?

NO!

AND FURTHER MORE TO BE SURE YOU DON'T GET OUT TONIGHT I'VE SENT ALL YOUR CLOTHES TO THE CLEANERS.

ALL RIGHT.

AND YOU CAN'T GET ANY OF THEM UNTIL MORNING SO I HAVE NO FEAR OF YOU SPEAKING OUT.

BY JELLY-TINAS AS ALWAYS YOU ARE THAT I CAN'T GET OUT.

BECAUSE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE DE SPARKS HOUSE FOR DINNER TONIGHT.

I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT.

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Lookouts Head List In Giving Ball Players to the Service of Uncle Sam

Of 53 Stars in Southern Service Flag, Chattanooga Has 11—Mobile Next With 10.

BY BOB PIGUE.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE clubs have nobly done their bit in the world war, but to the Chattanooga Lookouts goes the palm for having given more men to the service of Uncle Sam than any other team.

The Chattanoogaans, though wobbly in the pocketbook, are all there when it comes to patriotism, as is evident from the table alongside, which shows that the Lookouts lead the Southern league when it comes to supplying fighting men for the nation's task of wiping up the earth with the Hun.

Eleven players were given the world war by the Chattanooga club, which is the high water mark for the Southern league, and very probably the nation's.

The manager of the Lookouts, Fatsy Flaherty, the veteran major league left-hander, also entered the service.

Set, though over the draft age by many years is a full-blooded Irishman and couldn't stand around and see a fight without getting into it, so he enlisted. This makes 10 men from the Mobile team.

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YOU KNOW 'S, AL.

Steamer Al Demaree, the demon cartoonist, desires to manage the Chicago Cubs.

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O OSSIFER.

"Officer Shoots Man With Boze." Headline. Oh, death, where is thy sting?

De-managers of the Cards, Browns, Reds and White Sox are thinking of forming an association.

The Chicago would like to apply for admission, having had as many managers as any team on record.

33D DEGREE FAN SPEAKS.

We were talking to a 33d degree fan today about the proposed reform of Clark Griffith, of Washington, which would prevent a club from throwing a player to the majors during the season.

He said that while it is a good rule, he has his doubts as to whether the rule will ever work to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Get this: "Here's one rub. A young player who is burning up the league is suddenly attracted to major league money and he wants to go to the majors. He is in there to make as great a success as possible. He is working hard to lead off to the big time. He goes to the big time at once. He knows he will get more money in the majors, and it will not sit well with him to have to wait till the season closes down before he grabs off a plum in the big league."

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HERE ARE STARS IN SOUTHERN'S SERVICE FLAG.

MEMPHIS—Slattery, Edington, Hobbs, Manda, Blodgett, Fowlkes, Thwaiter.

NEW ORLEANS—Billinger, Scheper, Knaupp, Nixon.

LITTLE ROCK—Brother, Roman, Ledbetter, Kennedy, Bacon.

BIRMINGHAM—Ellis, Sheehan, Allenberg, Glazer, Coffindaffer, Montague, Debus.

MOBILE—Bowden, Jaynes, Pope, Fulton, Ching, Pond, Golvin, Reed, Tutwiler.

ATLANTA—Sheehan, Moore, L. Thrasher, I. Thrasher.

CHATTANOOGA—Marshall, Johnson, Bacon, Cashion, Perryman, Gleason, Knight, Stevenson, Mulligan, Christenberry.

NASHVILLE—Street, Decatur, Burke, O'Brien, Hoyt.

The Memphis Chickasaws and Birmingham Barons were the first to place names on the Southern league service flag, each club having given seven men to the nation's cause. The Chickasaws did not hesitate to get in the service and shortly after the drafting began, a number of players were wearing the service flag. The Barons in the service of the United States were wearing the service flag. The Barons in the service of the United States were wearing the service flag.

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STRIKE AGAINST NEGRO WORKMEN ON FOURTH ROAD

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High Officials as Laborers.

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